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Applicant(s):

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REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION AND FOR COMPLETE OFFICE ACTION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

May 9, 2002

Sir:

The Office Action mailed April 10, 2002, in connection with the above-identified application, is noted. On the Office Action Summary of this Office Action mailed April 10, 2002, it is indicated that claims 1-26 are pending in the above-identified application, and it is also indicated that claims 1-11 and 22-26 are rejected, claims 12-21 being withdrawn from consideration. However, in the "DETAILED ACTION" on pages 2-6 of this Office Action mailed April 10, 2002, no rejection of claim 26 is set forth. Moreover, none of the stated

rejections, or the response to Applicants' previous arguments, mention claim 26.

Accordingly, it is unclear as to any basis for rejection of claim 26.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner issue a new, complete Office Action, including consideration of claim 26 in the "DETAILED ACTION".

<u>In addition</u>, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner re-set the period for response to the Office Action mailed April 10, 2002, to begin from the date of mailing of the <u>complete</u> Office Action in the above-identified application, including consideration of claim 26 in the "DETAILED ACTION".

Favorable action by the Examiner, in light of the foregoing, is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 503.39364X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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